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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X — Y	US 3,656,112 A (PAULL) 11 April 1972 (11.04.1972), Fig. 2 and corresponding disclosure.	1-11, 16-18, 20-24, 28, 37, 40, 44-48, 51, 54 & 57-60 12-15, 19, 25-27, 29-39, 41-43, 49-50, 52-53 & 55-56
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